

Out & About with Rachel Morin "Bringing the A7 Home" with the L-A Veterans Council



Jerry DeWitt, Joyce Richmond, and Norm Cote are L-A Veterans Council members working to "Bring the A7 Home" to Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston.

Story and photos by Rachel Morin

I met recently with members of the Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council, Chairman Jerry DeWitt, Treasurer Norm Cote, and Gold Star Mother and volunteer Joyce Richmond, who invited me to attend their meeting about "Bringing the A7 Home."

The A7 is a vintage Vietnam War-era fighter jet they plan to install in Veterans Memorial Park, on the bank of the Androscoggin River in Lewiston.

The United States Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio awarded the plane to the L-A Veterans Council, giving it permis-

sion to transport the plane to Maine. It is believed that the plane last flew with the Ohio National Guard in Panama in 1991 during Operation See **Veterans**, page 16

CMCC Mustang Women bring home national title



Kristina Blais (l.), team alumni and starting point guard on the 2017 national championship team, celebrates with current champions (from l.) Jordyn Reynolds, Brooke Reynolds, and Eraleena Gethers-Hairston.

For second time in three years, the Central Maine Community College Mustang Women have returned home as national basketball champions. The team exploded out of the gate last week at Penn State Fayette in Uniontown, PA to capture the 2019 USCAA DII National Champion-

ship with an 85-78 victory against number one seed Villa Maria College.

The win is bittersweet for tournament MVP Brooke Reynolds and Eraleena Gethers-Hairston, juniors who were also on the national championship team in 2017. Reynolds and Gethers-Hairston have

played together since seventh grade.

"This is it," said Gethers-Hairston. "The journey is done and we went out with a bang. We made history as the only two women in the State of Maine with two USCAA DII titles."

Kristen Huntress, who scored 17 points in the final game, credits the team's success to its closeness and dedication. "Personally, I've dreamed about winning a national championship since I was a little kid," she said. "To be able to achieve this with my team is indescribable."

Many of the women described Coach Andrew Morong as a great leader on the court and a key supporter off the court. "I looked at him as an older brother off the court," said Gethers-Hairston. "He was always there for me. I have the upmost respect for him."

Sophomore Jordyn Reynolds is cherishing the small moments. "As a college athlete, you only have so much time, and it flies by before you know it," she said. "What I've taken away is to just cherish it all, every moment, every practice, every game. It all means something very special."

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces

Four Pines Painting supports An Angel's Wing



David Muise, owner of Four Pines Painting, and Josh Stoechner, Director of Fundraising for An Angel's Wing

Four Pines Painting of Poland has announced that the recipient of their annual charitable giving effort is the newly formed nonprofit organization An Angel's Wing.

Four Pines Painting's support of the new nonprofit included painting the entirety of its forthcoming retail arm, the Walk-In Closet. Located at 1567 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, the Walk-In Closet's profits

will go toward providing a support system to individuals affected by Substance Abuse Disorder.

"It's really a blessing for us to have the capacity to give in this way," said Four Pines Owner David Muise. "We believe it to be incumbent upon businesses to commit resources to help meet the needs of their communities. Deb York and the team at An Angel's Wing will fill important and

often overlooked gaps in the Substance Abuse Disorder realm, and we couldn't be happier to use our expertise and resources to help in that mission."

Painting of the facility was completed with a generous donation of paint supplied by Lewiston Paint and Wallpaper. The Walk-In Closet plans a Grand Opening on April 1, when it will begin selling gently used fashion items and goods for the home. The space is approximately 4000 square feet, with much of that dedicated to retail goods. The remainder will act as office space for the staff of An Angel's Wing.

"We really couldn't have done this without the help of so many businesses and community members," said An Angel's Wing CEO Deb York. "The disease of Substance Abuse Disorder has deep and unfortunate roots in this area, and everyone knows someone affected. Our entire team is dedicated to striking back and making a difference right here in our own backyard."

Four Pines Painting services light commercial and residential painting needs in Central and Southern Maine. They operate under the strong Maine values of hard work, clear communication, and exceeding expectations.

A non-profit corporation founded in 2017, An Angel's Wing aims to strike back and make a difference by operating retail locations that fund quality rehabilitation and recovery opportunities with a focus on prevention for those in need.

CLT announces production crew for "Avenue Q"



Pictured here (l. to r., from front) are Rebecca Caron, music director; Cody Watson, producer; Becca Tinkham, set décor; Susan Caron, assistant to the director; Danica Hemond, co-stage manager; Sarah Wing, co-stage manager and prompter; Dan Kane, set design; Matt Conklin, sound; Brandon Chaloux, stage manager; and Paul G Caron, director. Absent from the photo are Jake Boyce, choreographer, and Carly Georgen, assistant choreographer

Director Paul G. Caron has announced his production crew for the upcoming Community Little Theatre production of the hit musical comedy "Avenue Q." This puppet-filled comedy follows a group of 20-somethings seeking their life's purpose in the big city.

Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Book, Avenue Q is a truly unique show that has quickly become a favorite of audiences everywhere. With lots of comedy, satire, and a sprinkling of profanity, the show is geared for an adult audi-

ence. Its themes include racism, substance abuse, and sexuality.

The show will be performed at the Great Falls Performing Arts Center on Academy Street in Auburn on April 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit LACLt.com.

TOPS-Auburn moves to new location



TOPS members celebrate Mardi Gras while discussing how to enjoy healthy meatless meals. Here (l. to r.) are Helen Marsh, Sandra Greaton, Diane Grandmaison, Helen Lemay, Gail Boucher, and June Michaud. Absent from the photo is Chapter Leader Lois Towle.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 192 of Auburn has moved to a new location at East Au-

burn Baptist Church, located at 560 Park Avenue, on the second floor in Room 206. The office is wheelchair accessible; use the entrance at the end of the building and take the elevator.

The group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. for people to weigh in

privately. Their meetings and program run from 10 to 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend a meeting to see if TOPS is something that would help them get healthier and have fun. For more information, call Lois at 576-5065 or Gail at 240-5505.

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Governor's Address: Task Force Will Address PFAS Exposure in Maine

In response to reports nationwide regarding the prevalence of a group of chemicals known as PFAS, earlier this week I signed an Executive Order creating a Governor's Task Force to mobilize state agencies and other stakeholders to review the prevalence of PFAS in Maine and to put forward a plan to address these dangerous chemicals.

While PFAS were once common chemicals used in products ranging from clothing to cookware, scientific studies reveal that they could pose a danger to the health of

people, which is why they have been phased out over the past several decades. But because of their frequent use since the 1950s, contaminated sites have been identified across the country, including some here in Maine.

For instance, traces of PFAS have been detected at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the former Loring Air Force Base, where work is underway to determine the extent of PFAS in the surrounding environment.

This should not be a cause for alarm, but it is important for the state to identify any locations in Maine where PFAS are



Governor Janet Mills

prevalent and to examine their effects on drinking water supplies, freshwater fish, and marine resources; and to take steps to create and implement treatment and disposal options.

Back in May, 2016, when the hazards of these chemicals first became ev-

ident, the federal EPA actually issued a drinking water Health Advisory for PFAS. But, when the EPA released its Action Plan last month, it failed to include any commitment to setting a drinking water standard for those chemicals and, instead, simply delayed evaluating that issue for at least another year.

That's disappointing. As a result, there is Congressional action pending and other states, such as New Hampshire, are taking steps to create drinking water standards relating to PFAS on their own. Now Maine is following suit.

The Task Force es-

tablished by my Executive Order will be chaired by a public health expert who will mobilize state government and experts across Maine to ensure that we all have accurate information about this issue and that we have the tools we need to address it.

This Task Force will include the Commissioners of the Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP), Health and Human Services (DHHS), Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF), and Defense, Veterans, and Emergency Management, in addition to other nonprofit and industry experts.

The Task Force will

issue a report to my office with findings and recommendations to address PFAS exposure and contamination in Maine.

My administration will move swiftly to address this public health concern, but as the Task Force begins its work, I invite any individual or organization who may be concerned about PFAS or who is seeking additional information to call the Maine Department of Environmental Protection at (207) 215-1894.

Thank You,
Janet Mills
Governor

Lewiston woman testifies to Senate Aging Committee on personal toll of high drug prices



Lewiston resident Michelle Dehetre (r.), with Sen. Susan Collins

While driving with two of her sons in the car last week, Michelle Dehetre, a mother of five from Lewiston who has Type 1 diabetes, had a frightening experience that has become all too common for her: she began to feel very faint. Fortunately, no one was injured, and paramedics quickly arrived on the scene to take her to the emergency room.

Dehetre is one of the millions of Americans who struggle to purchase the medications they need to maintain their health. She struggles to pay for the insulin she needs, and she cannot afford a continuous glucose monitor and pump that would help manage her diabetes, resulting in life-threatening emergencies every month.

U.S. Senator Susan

Collins, the Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, invited Dehetre to testify at a hearing she held recently on efforts to improve the affordability and accessibility of prescription drugs.

The hearing featured five patients, including Dehetre, who shared their stories to underscore the real world effects that skyrocketing drug costs have on many Americans' finances and quality of life. Senator Collins was also set to chair a hearing on the following day that would explore policy solutions to lower the cost of drug prices.

"Ending up in the ER always scares me, not only because I know it's a close call, but because on top of my medicine, I cannot afford another medical bill," Dehetre told the commit-

tee. "The money I am spending on diabetes treatment

is already too much. In addition to buying food for six people, paying the electric bill, and covering the \$300 per month for my diabetes medicine is a major financial strain. I cut back on spending whenever I can. I am always looking for ways to save money on food and gas, and sometimes fall short at the end of the month."

Despite working full time and having insurance, Dehetre pays approximately \$300 each month on insulin, syringes, and test strips. She is not able to afford the necessary supplies for a continuous glucose monitor and pump, which would cost \$1,500 every three months. She has had to reduce spending on items

such as groceries to be able to afford her insulin (Lantus and Humalog at about \$50 to \$75/vial) and she continuously worries that the next diabetic episode could be fatal. "My dream is to see my 11-year-old son graduate from high school," Dehetre told the committee.

In a recent letter addressed to Senator Collins, Dr. Irwin Brodsky, the Diabetes Medical Director at Maine Medical Partners Endocrinology and Diabetes Center, expressed his support for the Aging Committee's efforts to make life-saving treatments more available to people with diabetes.

"I have patients who experience loss of

consciousness from low blood sugar three or four times per week," wrote Dr. Brodsky. "One such patient asks her children and coworkers to pour sugared liquids in her mouth in lieu of calling an ambulance or giving a rescue injection of the hormone glucagon.

"Clearly, the [Aging] Committee is addressing a very important problem by investigating ways to reduce the cost of diabetes medical therapies and therapeutic technologies," he continued. "For this, I would like to express my gratitude. Lower prices would go a long way toward assuring appropriate and uninterrupted treatment for people with diabetes."

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Guest Column: Civility in Augusta

By Sen. Ned Claxton

Let's be honest: Politicians don't have the best reputation when it comes to being civil. I'm not going to make any broad statements about whether this reputation is earned, because I don't think that's the most helpful thing to do. But I wanted to share with you what I've seen so far during my time at the State House in Augusta.

I ran for office with a vow to be a part of civil discussions in Augusta. Too often, it seems like the people elected to represent Mainers in government, both at the state and federal level, spend more time bickering than they do making meaningful change for everyday people. That is not what I want, and I know it's not what my neighbors and friends want.

As I begin holding office hours around District 20, conversing with the good people of Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland, I am happy to report back about the civility and mutual respect I have already experienced and witnessed from my fellow State Legislators this session.

From the very foundation of our seating arrangement, we are stepping outside the box and across the aisle. Previous administrations have seated members by party, divided by a literal aisle. The current Senate President, Troy Jackson of Allagash, rejected the idea

that this was the best way to get things done. This session, we all sit side-by-side with our colleagues, regardless of political affiliation. My seatmate, Sen. Marianne Moore, a Republican from Calais, is also a new legislator. We are becoming fast acquaintances as we learn the ropes together. I fully support and appreciate the collaborative efforts and amiable environment this new seating arrangement fosters.

What we really need from our elected officials is civility. In working together with a respectful, free exchange of ideas, we can make progress that helps all of the people of Maine, not just the people of our political base. The more we come together to find common ground and consider each other's unique perspectives and experiences, the better prepared we'll be to make policy decisions and craft laws that just make sense for Mainers.

I have been encouraged by what I have already seen in the committees I chair and on which I serve. In the Committee on State and Local Government, which I co-chair with Rep. Danny Martin of Sinclair, we have seen a dozen bills where civil discussion has resulted in a solution that everyone could agree with, rather than stale-mating bills without progress. I have likewise been impressed with the bipartisanship I

have seen in the Committee on Health and Human Services. It can often be hard work to have honest, engaging, and open discourse about topics that are highly personal to so many people. But through such discussion, we can address the needs of the people of Maine and come to an agreement on how to best meet them.

It's an honor to serve as your State Senator. I look forward to continuing civil discourse and progress as we move legislation forward for the people of Maine. As always, I am available to listen and will continue to bring a bipartisan approach to our work this session. I can be reached at the State House at (207) 287-1515. Please feel free to email me anytime at Ned.Claxton@legislature.maine.gov.

You can also stay up-to-date with my work in the State House and in our communities by following me on Facebook.

Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) represents Maine Senate District 20, which includes Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Minot, New Gloucester, and Poland.

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Uplift LA to host Magnetize Maine Summit on March 29

With Maine's aging workforce on the brink of retirement, the opportunity to transform Maine's future work environment and inspire younger workers to remain in our state is a priority.

Uplift LA, in conjunction with the Realize Maine Network, will host a Magnetize Maine Summit on this topic on Friday, March 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch. Sponsored by the Maine Development Foundation and the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce, the event is designed to stimulate a conversation about how companies and employees together can increase collaboration, creativity, and connectivity in the workplace to keep younger employees actively engaged.

David Pease, SPHR of Bangor Savings Bank will open the morning session by talking about the MAGNET concept. The second morning session will feature three brewers from the Maine Brewer's Guild - Ian Dorsey, Andrew Geaghan, and Luke Livingston - who will discuss co-creation, collaboration, and competition in their industry. In the afternoon, interactive World Café-model conversations will stimulate further discussions and methods of implementing these ideas in any industry.

The cost to attend is \$25. Registration is available at www.upliftlamaine.com. For more information, call the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce at 783-2249 or visit www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Davis Pease is the SVP of Human Resources for Bangor Savings Bank and an adjunct faculty member at Thomas College, where he researches, designs, and delivers graduate Human

Resources courses. He formerly served as EVP, Chief Resource Office at Androscoggin Bank, as State Director for the Maine SHRM, and was named HR Leader of the Year in 2011. He is a frequent speaker and author on HR and leadership topics.

Ian Dorsey, President & CEO of Mast Landing Brewing Company, oversees the overall direction and operation of the company. He holds a B.A. in Political Science and has a background in small business accounting and advising as well as finance. His previous career was with a finance and accounting firm in Falmouth, Maine, where he obtained his Series 7, Series 66, and Insurance Producers licenses. In addition to his position with Mast Landing, he is also a member of the legislative committee of the Maine Brewers' Guild, where he is responsible for defining legislative goals and strategies for the Guild on a local, state, and national level. He resides in Brunswick with his wife, Kelly, and their two children, Tommy and Sarah.

Andrew Geaghan, owner and Head Brewer of Geaghan Bros. Brewing Company, is the third-generation owner of Bangor's iconic Geaghan's Pub. He rejoined the family business in early 2010 after teaching high school science locally and earning his Master's Degree in Theology and Ministry Studies from Bangor Theological Seminary. Along with his father and uncles, the idea to build a brewery in connection to the pub was born. In December 2011, Geaghan Bros. Brewing Co. sold its first pints and in January of 2016, the company started distributing state-wide. Today, Geaghan Bros. Brewing Co. is the ninth largest production brewery in the state. When

he is not working, Andrew enjoys spending time with his wife, Lindsay, and their two young children. He is still a part-time pastor at Milford Congregational Church.

Luke Livingston, owner, founder, and president of Baxter Brewing Company, grew up in Lewiston-Auburn and decided to return home after attending Clark University ('07) in Worcester, MA. At Clark, he received a BA in Communications and Culture and developed an obsession with craft beer while brewing his own in his college dormitory. After losing his mother, Barbara, to breast cancer in January 2009, he left his day job and wrote the business plan that would later become Baxter Brewing Company. In 2012, he was the first person in the craft brewing industry to be named one of Forbes Magazine's "30 Under 30" most influential entrepreneurs. Livingston lives in Falmouth with his wife, Chelsea, and their son, Everett.

The Magnetize Maine Summit is a recurring collaborative effort across multiple areas of our state. Uplift LA is a program of the L-A Metro Chamber of Commerce and part of the Realize Maine Network, a statewide initiative that brings people together from across the state around the cause of attracting and retaining young people in Maine. Uplift LA aims to give voice to the rising professionals in this region by providing professional and personal development and networking opportunities to the public to highlight what makes living and working in the Lewiston-Auburn region so worthwhile. For more information, see www.upliftlamaine.com.

Auburn pastor delivers opening prayer at State House



Rep. Gina Melaragno (D-Auburn) and Rep. Bettyann Sheats (D-Auburn) recently welcomed Rev. Stephen Carnahan to the State House. Rev. Carnahan, who serves as pastor of High Street Congregational Church in Auburn, delivered the opening prayer before the House of Representatives.


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Norway Savings Bank promotes five employees



Sharon Breytenbach, Vice President, Controller

Norway Savings Bank has announced the recent promotion of five employees; Sharon Breytenbach, to the position of Vice President, Controller; Ryan Dillingham, to Assistant Vice President, Assistant Network Manager and Administrator; Frank Farrell, to Assistant Vice President, Systems Administrator and Assistant Mainframe Manager; Jessica Lilly, to Assistant Vice President, Sageworks Administrator; and Vincent Osgood, to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lending.

Sharon Breytenbach joined the bank in 2012 as an AVP of Accounting. She came to the bank with over 20 years of experience in accounting. She holds a BS in Business Administration with a major in Accounting and an MBA with a major in Taxation. She has served as treasurer on the board of the Boxberry School, an alternative elementary

school in Harrison. Ryan Dillingham came to NSB in 2007 in the role of IT Help Desk support. His proficiency



Ryan Dillingham, Assistant Vice President, Assistant Network Manager and Administrator

with information technology and outstanding customer service skills resulted in several subsequent promotions. In addition to participating on several bank-wide committees and task forces, he holds several technical

designations, including Certified Virtualization Expert (CVE) and Certified Ethical Hacker.

Frank Farrell started his IT career in 2004 and joined NSB in 2013. Over the last six years, he has made significant contributions to the bank's success and has demonstrated a commitment to learning and professional growth. He is a Microsoft Certified System Administrator (MCSA), VMware Certified Professional (VCP), and participated in the bank's mentoring program, which helped him build his leadership and training skills. He volun-

teers his time with the Cub Scouts and, in 2018, was awarded the Lighthouse Award as a shining example of the principals of the Boy Scouts of America. Jessica Lilly began her career at NSB in 2007 as a teller in the Naples Branch. During her tenure in the Retail Banking Department, she received numerous Culture Awards and the highly-coveted NSB Employee of the Year award in 2010. In 2014, she was promoted to commercial credit analyst and, since then, has participated in numerous high-impact projects, all while earning her Associate's Degree at Central Maine Community College. Vincent Osgood joined NSB in March



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What's Going On

“Helping Hurting Teens” aims to offer guidance to parents and youth



Speaker Roy Petitfils has worked with young people for the last 25 years as a youth minister, campus minister, teacher, school administrator, and school counselor.

An internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising confident teenagers in the face of challenges facing today's youth will discuss “Helping Hurting Teens” on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. on the Auburn campus of Saint Dominic Academy.

Anxiety, depression, self-injury, suicidal ideation, and other challenges facing teens will be addressed.

Participants will leave the session with a better understanding of these issues and a clearer sense of how to bring hope and healing to today's hurting teens.

Presenter Roy Petitfils specializes in counseling adolescents. He has also worked with young people for the last 25 years as a youth minister, campus minister, teacher, school administrator, and school

counselor. He has published four books, including his latest, “What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You).” He uses humor, passion, and clinical and life experience to help adults connect with teens and help teens know, understand, and love themselves.

The program is intended for parents, guardians, and youth. All are welcome, but youth must be 13 or older and attend with a parent guardian or as part of a small group with at least one adult leader for every seven young people. Admission is \$5 per person.

St. Dominic Academy is located at 121 Gracelawn Road in Auburn. The event will also be televised at sites in Bangor, Houlton, and Caribou. For more information about the program, contact the Diocese of Portland's Office of Lifelong Faith Formation at 773-6471 or see www.portland-diocese.org.

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Maine Arts Commission awards major cultural development grant to Lewiston-Auburn



The plan calls for spurring economic development through installations of public art in each city.

The Maine Arts Commission has awarded the Lewiston Auburn Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and L-A Arts a MAC Creative Communities = Economic Development (CCED) Phase 2 Grant of \$75,000 for the implementation of Cultural Plan LA. Proceeds will be used to improve the image of Lewiston-Auburn and spur economic development through public art installations in each city.

The Chamber of Commerce serves as the lead organization for the grant; Cultural Plan LA will be implemented by L/A Arts, with support from the Chamber of Commerce, Arts and Culture LA (ACLA), and the municipalities of Lewiston and Auburn.

“The Chamber is eager to pull the people of the Twin Cities together to pursue the ambitious programs of Cultural Plan LA, beginning with the exciting installation of public art works,” said Rebecca Swanson Conrad, President and CEO of the LA Metro

Chamber of Commerce. “We are so pleased that MAC continues to share our vision for a vibrant LA community and supports our use of cultural planning as a pivotal tool for sustainable community revitalization.” In 2015, L/A Arts received a MAC Creative Communities = Economic Development Phase I Grant to develop a cultural plan. That project was sponsored by the City of Lewiston, the City of Auburn, L/A Arts, and ACLA. Cultural Plan LA outlines priorities and recommendations for action which, coupled with cross-sector partnerships, will catalyze LA's potential as a creative metropolis.

“We are grateful and delighted to have this opportunity to continue with implementation of Cultural Plan LA,” said Darby Ray, L/A Arts Board Clerk and Director of the Harward Center for Community Partnerships at Bates College. “With strategic investment in the arts, we are confident we can spur innovation and economic development

while enhancing the LA community's quality of life, making it a more desirable, attractive place to live or start a business.”

The Maine Arts Commission provides CCED grants to support cultural development through coalition building in communities. The CCED grant has evolved from a one-year \$50,000 grant to a \$75,000 grant distributed over three years that requires the successful completion of a Cultural Plan prior to applying for the funds.

The Arts Commission also funds Cultural Planning for communities and regions as an impetus for this work. To date, nine Maine communities have either completed or are in the process of completing Cultural Plans as a result.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that Maine's arts and culture sector contributes \$1.5 billion annually to Maine's economy, representing 2.6 percent of the state's GDP. In 2015, arts and culture jobs grew by 2.6 percent.

Vendors needed for Auburn Farmer's Market

In a sure sign of warmer weather to come, the City of Auburn is seeking vendors to participate in this summer's Auburn Farmer's Market. The market will be

held on Tuesdays, from June 4 through October 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Rolly's Diner at 87 Mill Street. Vendors need to provide appropriate insurance,

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a variety of unexpected situations. This emergency preparedness workshop will take place at CMCC on Friday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how to actively protect their business or organization against the threat of an emergency situation. Led by Scott Watkins and Matt Tift, law enforcement officers and instructors in CMCC's Criminal Justice

program, the workshop will cover best practices, enhanced lockdown procedures, and how to draft an effective emergency management plan that meets your needs.

The deadline to register is March 27. For more information or to register, contact the Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 755-5280 or visit www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment.

APL, Senior College present Curious Minds series

Auburn Public Library and Lewiston-Auburn Senior College will present their annual Curious Minds series in March and April. The two March programs are a science-based lecture and a crafter's tutorial. The April programs will be announced. The events are free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, March 19 at 2 p.m., instructor Charles Plummer will present "The Science of Genetic Engineering, the Future of Mankind, and the Source of Human Happiness." Plummer will

take participants on a guided tour of key experiments that have been carried out in the field of genetic engineering and the impact they may have on the future of natural selection and humankind. In addition, he will examine the sources that may or may not lead to human happiness. Data shows that the self-help, self-care trend has bloomed into a 10 billion dollar annual industry, so save some money and join him for this fun seminar.

On Tuesday, March 26 at 2 p.m., instructor Nancy

Duplisea will present "The Art of Making Greeting Cards." Duplisea will review the basic steps of card making and the group will generate some fun and creative card ideas. Beginners and experienced card makers are welcome. Come enjoy this program and see how you can add a personal touch to your family milestones through unique cards you can make yourself.

For more information about the Curious Minds series, see <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

CLT schedules auditions for "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress"

L-A Community Little Theatre is seeking actors for its upcoming production of Alan Ball's hilarious comedy "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." Open auditions will be held on Sunday and Monday, March 24 and 25, at 6 p.m. at Great Falls Performing Arts Center, 30 Academy Street in Auburn. The show will be staged June 7 through 16. Jackie McDonald will direct, assisted by Renee Davis. The producer is Cody Watson.

In the play, five very different bridesmaids find themselves hiding together in an upstairs bedroom, hop-

ing to escape the wedding reception of a bride that - they soon realize - none of them really likes. In this cramped bedroom above the party, these five identically dressed women talk, laugh, argue, cry, console one another, and slowly become friends.

The roles are: Frances, a highly religious, but sweet cousin; Meredith, the rebellious little sister of the bride; Trisha, a jaded beauty whose pessimism and doubts about men are proved false when she meets Tripp Davenport; Georgeanne, a friend from high school whose marriage is falling apart; Mindy, a

blunt, good-hearted lesbian who is the sister of the groom; and Tripp, an usher at the wedding.

The production team is looking for a variety of ages and looks. For more information, contact them at 783-0958 or info@laclt.com, or visit CLT's website at www.laclt.com.



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Black Box Teens present "Truly Talented Kids"



This cabaret-style variety show will include musical covers, dance numbers, comedy, and even American Sign Language.

Most parents know that if you put a group of talented kids together, eventually they will want to put on a show. At Schoolhouse Arts Center, the Black Box Teens have taken this to a whole new level. From March 15 through 17, these talented teenagers will present their fourth annual cabaret-style show, "Truly Talented Kids."

Scripted, produced, costumed, teched, and directed by the teens themselves as an opportunity

to employ the skills and talents they have developed throughout the year, the show will include musical covers, dance numbers, comedy, and even American Sign Language.

In an age when the news often focuses on teen problems, our community is fostering a growing group of local teens who want to display their positive skills and talents. Nothing like the kids' shows you have witnessed in your living room,

this is a true cavalcade of local talent that will entertain adults and inspire teenagers in our community.

Tickets are \$8. Schoolhouse Arts Center is located at 16 Richville Road (Route 114) in Standish. The show will be staged on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m., with a matinee performance on Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. You can make reservations at www.Schoolhousearts.org.

What's Going On

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ning the national tournament, four Mustang Women were recognized at the U.S. Collegiate Athletic Association's (USCAA) All-American Awards Din-

ner. Kristen Huntress and Alex Bessey earned Academic All-American Honors for having a 3.5 or greater cumulative GPA. Bessey also earned an All-American Honorable Mention selection. Jordyn Reynolds was named a USCAA Sec-

ond Team All-American. Her older sister, Brooke Reynolds, was recognized as a USCAA First Team All-American. Brooke is only the third Mustang woman to be named First Team All-American three times in her career.



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Weekly Arts & Entertainment

Daymark brings Irish music concert to Phippsburg



The trio is composed of Will Woodson on bellows pipes, wooden flute, and tin whistle; Eric McDonald on vocals, guitar, and mandolin; and Dan Foster on fiddle.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Daymark will offer a concert of traditional Irish music at Phippsburg Congregational Church on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The trio is composed of Will Woodson on bellows pipes, wooden flute, and tin whistle; Eric McDonald on vocals, guitar, and mandolin; and Dan Foster on fiddle. Each member of the international trio is well established in their own right,

and collectively the three have lived, played, and studied traditional music across Ireland, Scotland, England, America, and Canada, in the cities of Limerick, Glasgow, Newcastle, Montreal, Boston, and New York.

A graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow with a Master's degree in Scottish music, Woodson returned to Portland and became enmeshed in the New England music scene, where he's active

as both a musician and a maker of Scottish bellows pipes. He has played across America, Canada, Scotland, Ireland, and Europe, appearing at major festivals like Piping Live and Celtic Connections in Glasgow. Acclaimed for his virtuosic and highly personal musical style, BBC Scotland said that Woodson "is busy engineering his own quiet revolution in the border pipe sound."

Woodson and McDonald recently released a well-reviewed duo album, "The Sunny Hills." The album is composed of old tunes and songs from the Scottish and Cape Breton repertoires. Roaring reels and lilting jigs give way to haunting ballads and poignant eighteenth-century waltzes.

Foster, who hails from Northern England, developed his music in the lively session scene there, going to study at Newcastle University's Folk Degree course before honing his fiddle style in Limerick under master musicians.

Admission is \$15, or \$8 for students, at the door. \$12 advance tickets are available via BrownPaperTickets.com. Children under eight are admitted free. Refreshments will be served at intermission. The church is located at 10 Church Lane in Phippsburg. For more information, call 389-1770.

UUCB Concerts for a Cause presents Cheryl Wheeler

Folk singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler will bring her beautiful songs and hilarious stories to the Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the UUCB Concerts for a Cause, which raises money for local charities.

Cheryl Wheeler is a renowned and gifted songwriter with a beautiful voice. If you are not familiar with her, you have probably heard her music. She is very respected as a songwriter by her peers, which can be seen by how many of them record her songs. Cheryl's songs have been covered by artists as diverse as Dan Seals, Peter Paul and Mary, Kenny Loggins, Garth Brooks, Suzy Boggus, Melanie, Bette Midler, Maura O'Connell, Sylvia, Kathy Mattea, and Holly Near.

It has always seemed as if there are two Cheryl Wheelers. There is Cheryl the poet, writer of some of the prettiest, most alluring and intelligent ballads on the modern folk scene. And there is her evil twin, Cheryl the comic, a savagely funny social critic. She will tell a story that has you rolling in the aisles and then sing a song that leaves you wiping tears from your eyes. She will talk about some serious current event, and then sing a song that will have you howling with laughter. Her performances instill a range of emotions.



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"Cheryl Wheeler is an anomaly on the acoustic music scene," writes FAME magazine. "She has a rare gift for writing songs with lush melodies and lyrics of incredible beauty. On the other hand, she is a master of quick wit. Her observational humor has brought us a number of songs describing the utter ridiculousness of the world around us. And then there is the richness of her silky alto telling us what lies in the deepest recesses of her

songwriter's heart." Tickets are \$22 in advance or \$25 at the door, just \$10 for children and students. They can be purchased at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <https://wheeler.brownpapertickets.com>.

Two-thirds of the net proceeds of the 2018-19 Concerts for a Cause series will be donated to the Brunswick Teen Center and the Gathering Place, a daytime shelter for the homeless.



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“Buccaneers’ Banquet” to set sail at Franco Center



The pirate-themed evening will include a multi-course dinner, costume party, dancing, cash bar, and the world-premiere of the show and film.

The Gendron Franco Center will once again produce one of Maine’s most unique, delicious, and hilarious experiences with a “Buccaneers’ Banquet” on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, beginning at 6 p.m.

Guests may imagine themselves on the dock beside a huge pirate ship, awaiting the glorious arrival of the Pirate King, Captain Broadside, Iron Bottom, Low-Tide Jones, One-Eyed Ruby, Captain Morgan, and many others. They will join this merry band on the deck of their ship filled with magic, color, and entertainment for a feast prepared by Chef John Pulsifer and his galley crew.

Amidst the décor of the ship’s deck, its wenches in service will serve a robust meal of tropical fruit, calamari, conch fritters, jerk chicken, rice and sea peas, Jamaican cabbage, and key lime pie for dessert. During the feast, there will be pagentry, frivolity, and great

merriment, with a few harrowing moments.

Once the banquet ends, passengers may remain for great music, dancing, conversation, and drink. A special “Eye Patch IPA” has been prepared by Baxter Brewing Co. and will be available to anyone of legal drinking age. Beverages will be available at the King’s Cash Rum Bar throughout the evening.

Those who arrive in pirate era fashions (optional, but strongly encouraged) may participate in a contest to be judged by members of the pirate band themselves, and perhaps receive discounts of a few gold pieces on their grog.

For this banquet, the Pirate Players have produced another original script and short film by Colby Michaud. “The Buccaneers’ Banquet” is a comedic romp filled with the misadventures of characters from the peak of the pirate era.

Pirates will be played

by Richard Martin, Sean Wallace, Dan Crawford, Dan Kane, Heather Marichal, Emily Flynn, Jay Barrett, Jason Pelletier, Glen Atkins, Ken Mansur, and Connor Crawford. Mitch Thomas will play the Pirate King and Jennifer McClure-Groover will be Queen of the Wenches. Costume designers for the production are Patti Gray and Debbie Mansur.

This event offers unique, discretionary family entertainment. Seating is limited. The ticket price is \$40, which includes dinner, the world-premiere of the show and film, dancing, and dockside parking. To purchase, call 783-1585 or see www.francocenter.org.

The Franco Center is located at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. Passengers are encouraged to start arriving at 6 p.m.; all will board the pirate ship at 6:30 for a night of whimsy and glorious merrymaking. The ship is wheelchair accessible and special parking is available.

St. Anne Sodality plans membership meeting

The St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Prince of Peace Parish will have a membership meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Holy Family Church in Lewiston. Doors will open at 5:30. After a brief business

meeting and elections of officer and counselors, Bingo games will be played. Light refreshment will be served by Flo Marquis.

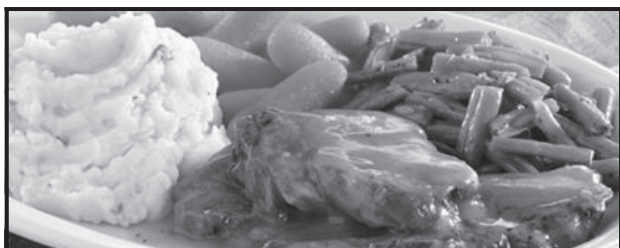
Please save the dates of April 10 for the annual Card Party and May 7 for the annual Din-

ner at the Green Ladle. For tickets, contact Anita at 782-4516.

Check TCT every week for updated Calendar listings!

Auburn Food Pantry seeks children’s books

The Auburn Food Pantry is seeking donations of children’s books. Sponsored by five local churches and the Good Shepherd Food Bank, the pantry distributes donated food and children’s books every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 106 Pleasant Street in Auburn. Staffed by local volunteers, the pantry is open to all residents and serves over 3,000 families per year. Books may be dropped off at United Methodist Church at 439 Park Avenue in Auburn. For more information, call 782-3972.



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Twin City Nights

Vishtèn brings Celtic-Acadian party music to Franco Center



This Acadian power trio makes its only New England appearance at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston on Monday, March 18.

Acadian power trio Vishtèn will appear at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston on Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m. For more than a decade, this group has been carving out a place on the international music scene. Hailing from Prince Edward Island and the windswept Magdalen Islands of Québec, the trio combines new arrangements of traditional Acadian songs with dazzling Acadian and Celtic-flavored instrumentation, all transcended by contemporary sensibility and rock and indie-folk influences.

One reviewer de-

scribed them this way: “This trio blends Celtic and French influences with Canada’s equivalent of Cajun music. There’s accordion, fiddle and flutes. There’s foot percussion. There’s step-dancing.”

In the same week that this award-winning musical act will be at the Gendron Franco Center in Lewiston, they will also appear in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; Lafayette, Louisiana; Atlanta, Georgia; and in Washington, DC at both the Library of Congress and the Kennedy Center. The tour is sponsored by the

Consulat Général of Canada in Boston and is part of the month-long Francophone celebration throughout New England.

This is Vishtèn’s only New England appearance. Special traditional food and drink items will be available before the show and during intermission. Tickets are \$15 for adults; students will be admitted free of charge. The Center is wheelchair accessible. Doors and cash bar will open at 6 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit or call the box office at 689-2000 or see www.francocenter.org.

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MSNBC commentator to discuss Mueller investigation at Bates College



Bates College alum Joyce White Vance (Class of 1982) teaches law at the University of Alabama. (Photo by Matthew Wood, University of Alabama)

Bates College will present a program by Joyce White Vance called “The Mueller Investigation and the Rule of Law” on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the college’s Muskie Archives, located at 70 Campus Avenue in

Lewiston. Presented by the college’s Harvard Center for Community Partnerships, the program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 786-6202.

A frequent commentator on the investigation for

MSNBC and a former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, Vance is Distinguished Professor of the Practice of Law at Culverhouse School of Law, University of Alabama. She is a member of the Bates Class of 1982.

Blaine House proclamation, Lewiston event kick off Maine Francophone Month

International Francophone Month celebrations will kick off in Maine on Tuesday, March 19 at 11 a.m. at the Blaine House in Augusta, where Governor Janet T. Mills will recognize the strong ties linking the state to the Francophone world by officially proclaiming March as Francophonie Month in Maine.

Attending the event will be state legislative officials, representatives of various Francophone-related organizations in Maine, and representatives from Canada, France, and Québec. Governor Mills will welcome Arnaud Mentré, Consul General of France in Boston; David Alward, Consul General of Canada in Boston; and Marie-Claude Francoeur of the Québec Delegate to New England.

At 4 p.m., the public is

invited to a program by author and historian James Myall in Room 170 at the University of Southern Maine’s Lewiston-Auburn campus, home of the college’s Franco-American Collection. The college is located at 51 Westminster Street in Lewiston.

Myall will present a program called “Know Nothings and Klansmen - Anti-Franco Feeling in Maine.” The program will include a look at the history of anti-immigrant groups in Maine, how Franco-Americans were discriminated against and in some cases even attacked, and how lessons can be drawn from that history. Audience members are invited to bring their own memories and stories to share.

Following the program, a brief ceremony and reception co-hosted by the

Gendron Franco Center will take place at the same location. With the international delegations present, a Franco-American Color Guard will present the flags of the U.S.A., Canada, and France for those gathered to join in the singing of the national anthems of the three countries.

Others on the program will include Mitchell Clyde Thomas of the Gendron Franco Center; Emmanuel Kayembe, Doris Bonneau, and Jacynthe Jacques of the Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine; and the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society.

Following the ceremony, the public is invited to join the honored guests at a reception with hors d’oeuvres. Guests may RSVP by calling 783-1585.

Book discussions at APL

Auburn Public Library has announced the April selections for its two longstanding book discussion groups and welcomes the public to attend the discussions. The Auburn Page Turners will meet on Monday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss Kristin

Hannah’s novel “The Great Alone.” The Speak Your Mind book group will meet on Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m. to discuss the non-fiction book “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,” by Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond.

Participants need not have finished the entire book, but they are expected to have read a majority of it. Copies of each of book can be requested through the library’s interlibrary loan process. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

“Living in French” Family Festival



To celebrate International Francophone Month, students and faculty from the French Department at New York University will be in Maine to host a “Living in French” Family Festival on Sunday, March 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. All children (ages 7 to 17) and adults who speak French or have an interest in the French language are invited to this Sunday afternoon event at the Gendron Franco Center.

The goal of the Living in French festival is to encourage those who love the French language (speakers and non-speakers alike) to come together in one place to interact and share stories, games, and music in French. Both French and English will be spoken at the event. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Several Franco Center volunteers from both the Franco-American and

French-speaking African communities will be working with the NYU team to present the event. There is no registration fee, but those planning to attend are asked to register in advance by calling 783-1585 or writing to BoxOffice@FrancoCenter.org.

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La Rencontre. 11:25 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Following a corned beef boiled dinner, students from the French School of Maine in Freeport present their annual children's opera. \$12. Reserve at 783-1585 or boxoffice@francocenter.org.

Rotary Club Lunch Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Village Inn, 165 High St., Auburn. The guest speaker is Shannon Saxby of the Youth Leadership Advisory Team. 333-4588; www.lewistonauburnrotary.org.

Sampson AFB Veterans Luncheon. Noon. Governor's Restaurant, Lewiston. This informal monthly get-together of those who took basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in the 1940s and '50s is open to all veterans and their guests.

Film Screening. 2:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Canadian documentary "Hochelaga, terre des âmes (Land of Souls)" portrays how Quebec's archaeology reveals the past of indigenous peoples; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

Community Conversation Series. 5 p.m. Auburn Public Library. After a screening of the film "Blue Collar and Buddha," the library hosts a discussion on concepts of American identity. Free.

Friday, Mar. 15

French Sing-Along. 1:30 p.m. Room 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. French-language singing group Les Troubadours lead the singing of favorite French and Franco-American songs; all welcome. Free. 576-4109.

Public Office Hours. 3 p.m. Conf. Room, Ricker Library, 1211 Maine St., Poland. Sen. Ned Claxton (D-Androscoggin) and Rep. Jess Fay (D-Poland) answer questions and provide information on legislative issues. All welcome.

"Helping Hurting Teens." 7 p.m. Saint Dominic Academy, 121 Gracelawn Rd., Auburn. Recognized expert Roy Pettifils discusses the topic in a program for parents, guardians, and youth ages 13 or older accompanied by an adult. \$5. 773-6471; www.portlanddiocese.org.

"Truly Talented Kids." 7 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd. (Rte. 114), Standish. Black Box Teens present a cabaret-

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ret-style show featuring musical covers, dance numbers, comedy, and even American Sign Language. Again 3/16, 17 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$8. www.Schoolhousearts.org.

Comedy Invitational. 7:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Twelve contestants have five minutes each to present their original monologs, with the winner chosen by audience vote. \$5 at door. 783-1585.

Theater: "A Doll's House, Part 2." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This sequel to Ibsen's classic was widely acclaimed as the best play of the 2017 Broadway season. Again 3/16-17, 21-24 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Concert: Daymark. 7:30 p.m. Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane, Phippsburg. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, this talented trio offers a concert of traditional Irish music; refreshments. \$15/8 at door; \$12 in adv. from BrownPaperTickets.com.

Saturday, Mar. 16

Name that L/Andromark. 1 to 3 p.m. Callahan Hall, Lewiston Public Library. Contestants vie for prizes by identifying video close-ups of local landmarks. \$20. Adv. regis. required; proceeds benefit the Friends of LPL. 513-3134; lplonline.org.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. Lunn-Hunnewell Amvets Post 6, Rte. 100, New Gloucester. Two kinds of beans, chop suey, coleslaw, pickles, brown bread, biscuits, assorted pies and beverages. \$8/3.

Membership Meeting. 6 p.m. Parish Hall, Holy Family Church, Sabattus St., Lewiston. Following a brief business meeting and election of officers, Bingo will be played; light refreshments.

Concert: Midcoast Symphony Orchestra. 7 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The MSO presents a program of "Magical Movie Music"; the Youth Orchestra of Lewiston-Auburn performs at intermission. Students free, others \$20 (cash or check) at door. 846-5378; www.midcoast-symphony.org.

Concert: Lauren Crosby. 7:30 p.m. Annex, Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. Originally from Georgetown, Crosby is acclaimed for her original songs and exceptional voice; singer-songwriter Robby Simpson opens. \$15 (\$12 adv.). 442-8455; www.chocolatechurcharts.org.

Concert: Cheryl

Wheeler. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle St., Brunswick. Concerts for a Cause presents the acclaimed folk singer-songwriter. \$25 (\$22 in adv.); students \$10. wheeler.brownpapertickets.com.

Sunday, Mar. 17

"Living in French" Family Festival. 1 to 5 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This fun showcase of French stories, songs, and games is for kids ages 7-17 and their caregivers (speakers and non-speakers alike) who love the French language. Free. RSVP at 783-1585 or BoxOffice@FrancoCenter.org.

Monday, Mar. 18

Concert: Vishtën. 7 p.m. Gendron Franco Center, Lewiston. This Acadian power trio "blends Celtic and French influences with Canada's equivalent of Cajun music." \$15 (students free). 689-2000; www.francocenter.org.

Tuesday, Mar. 19

Curious Minds Series. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Charles Plummer presents "Genetic Engineering, the Future of Mankind, and the Source of Happiness." Free. Pres. with L-A Senior College. <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

Francophone Month Event. 4 p.m. Room 170, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Author-historian James Myall discusses "Know Nothings and Klansmen - Anti-Franco Feeling in Maine." A brief ceremony and reception follows. Free. RSVP for reception at 783-1585.

Thursday, Mar. 21

Book Discussion. 5:30 p.m. Morse Library, 220 Main St., Greene. This month's book is "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. Copies available to borrow at the library. 946-5544; sbouchard.jamm.library@gmail.com.

"The Mueller Investigation and the Rule of Law." 7 p.m. Muskie Archives, 70 Campus Ave., Bates College, Lewiston. Frequent MSNBC commentator Joyce White Vance discusses the Mueller investigation from a legal standpoint. Free. 786-6202.

Theater: "A Doll's House, Part 2." 7:30 p.m. The Public Theatre 31 Maple St., Lewiston. This sequel to Ibsen's classic was widely acclaimed as the best play of the 2017 Broadway season. Again 3/22-24 (Sun. at 2 p.m.). \$20/5. 782-3200; thepublictheatre.org.

Friday, March 22

Fill the Plate Break-

fast. 7 to 9 a.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. This benefit for SeniorsPlus' Meals on Wheels program features keynote speaker Sen. Susan Collins. \$20 adv./\$25 at door. Register at 795-4010 or www.seniorsplus.org.

Annual District Event. 5 to 9 p.m. VFW Hall, 588 Minot Ave., Auburn. Join the Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District for their annual meeting, dinner, and entertainment. Register at 241-5377 or mrichard@maineconservationdistricts.com.

Buccaneers' Banquet. 6 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. This pirate-themed evening will include a multi-course dinner, costume party, dancing, cash bar, and the world-premiere of the show and film. Again 3/23. \$40. Limited seating. Reserve at 783-1585 or www.francocenter.org.

Saturday, Mar. 23

Continuous Improvement for Businesses. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Room 285, L-A College, 51 Westminster St., Lewiston. Learn about this method by which businesses of all types can improve products, services, or processes. Lunch provided. Free; register at www.LAMetroChamber.com.

Bean Supper. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sixth St. Congregational Church, 109 Sixth St., Auburn. Two kinds of beans, red and brown hot dogs, American chop suey, brown bread, coleslaw, assorted desserts and beverages. \$6/3 (ages 4- free). Take-out available.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn. Baked beans, casseroles, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, beverages and pies; entertainment by the Park Avenue Pickers at 4:30 p.m. \$8/4 (kids ages 4- free). 782-3972.

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. First Congregational Church, Rte. 115, Gray. Baked beans, casseroles, salads, homemade breads and desserts, beverages. \$8/4. Wheelchair accessible. 657-4279 (day of supper 657-3279).

Concert: Frank Carlberg. 7:30 p.m. Olin Arts Center, Bates College, 75 Russell St., Lewiston. The jazz pianist celebrates pioneering composer, bandleader, and pianist Mary Lou Williams. Free, but tix required from batesconcerts.eventbrite.com.

Sunday, Mar. 24

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Canadian documentary "Hochelaga, terre des âmes (Land of Souls)" portrays how Quebec's archaeology reveals the past of indigenous peoples; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

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Wonder Park 3D (PG)				9:10
The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)	12:50	3:50	6:40	
Isn't It Romantic (PG-13)				9:15

Monday, Mar. 25

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. French documentary "Un jour, une histoire: Simone Veil, l'instinct de vie" examines the life of the former French minister and Holocaust survivor; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

Tuesday, Mar. 26

Curious Minds Series. 2 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Senior College instructor Nancy Duplisea presents "The Art of Making Greeting Cards." Free. Pres. with L-A Senior College. <https://usm.maine.edu/seniorcollege>.

Thursday, Mar. 28

Film Screening. 3:30 p.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. Canadian documentary "God Save Justin Trudeau" explores the rise of a young politician in an age of modern media politics; in French, w. English subtitles. Free; donations accepted. www.francocenter.org.

Community Conversation Series. 5:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Repts of Catholic Charities' Refugee and Immigration Services speak about their cultural orientation programs, sharing accounts of what newcomers to America ask about navigating daily life in the U.S. Free.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 6 p.m. 84 Court, Auburn. This clean comedy showcase features Maine favorite Johnny Ater, along with Debbie Ennis, Al Ghanekar, Nick Gordon, Jay Hunter, Kara Kilian, Leonard Kimble, and David McLaughlin. All ages; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 8 p.m., Cowbell Grill & Tap, 49 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Los Angeles comedian-actress Mary Kennedy headlines; also sets by Jed Bloom, Nic Dufault, Mike Gray, Johanna Medranda, Mark Reilly, and Chris Thomas. Ages 21-plus; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Friday, Mar. 29

Magnetize Maine Summit. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. Speakers and

a panel discussion start a conversation about how to increase collaboration, creativity, and connectivity in the workplace to keep younger employees actively engaged; pres. by Uplift LA. \$25. 783-2249; www.upliftlamaine.com.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Maine Community College. Participants will learn how to actively protect their business or organization against the threat of an emergency situation. Free. Pres. by the Center for Workforce & Professional Development. Register by 3/27 at 755-5280.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Observance. 1 to 4 p.m. Hall of Flags, Maine State House, 210 State St., Augusta. Open to the public. Free.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 7 p.m. Bear Bones Beer, 43 Lisbon St., Lewiston. Rhode Island's E.J. Edmonds headlines, with sets by Danny Bullis, Joe Flynn, Jake Jacobson, Connor McGrath, Ali Simpson, John Suchich, and Bert Walpack. Ages 21-plus; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 9 p.m. Baxter Brewing, 120 Mill St., Lewiston. "Maine's Best Comedian" winner Brian Brinegar headlines, with sets by Greg Boggis, Paul Cyphers, Ralph Joyal, Mark Moccia, Julie Poulin, Ben Roberts, and Jamie Roux. Ages 21-plus; pay what you can. maineeventcomedy.com.

Saturday, Mar. 30

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 12 p.m. Fitts' Bar & Grill, 150 Center St., Auburn. Comedian Mark Turcotte leads a stand-up workshop for those looking to network and sharpen their skills. \$25 (incl. all-you-can-eat pizza). maineeventcomedy.com.

Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest. 7:30 p.m. Sapphire, 150 Center St., Auburn. The Fest culminates with this performance by two-time Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year Joe Trammel. Ages 21-plus; \$15 (\$12 in adv.). maineeventcomedy.com.

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Veterans

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Just Cause.

DeWitt, Cote, and Richmond have been working on a plan to bring the historic Vietnam-era plane to Lewiston for three years and are excited with the progress they have made. The A7 is currently in Helena, Montana, where the L-A Veterans Council is working with the American Legion in Montana to transport the dearly remembered plane to Maine via a flatbed trailer. Volunteers in Montana and Maine have already worked on the plane's disassembly, packing parts inside the body of the plane for transport.

DeWitt made a visit to Montana last fall to see the progress, where he also helped dismantle the wings and tail to prepare the plane for transport. He reports that the plane's dimensions are more than 48 feet long, with a wingspan of nearly 40 feet. The plane will be refurbished and mounted on a pedestal in the Veterans Memorial Park. A walkway to the A7 will be illumi-

nated. DeWitt says the A7 will be a crown jewel, on display next to the park's multiple memorial stones and benches.

Cote works every year to add to the names of the veterans in all branches of military service, along with their rank, the war they fought in, and the dates they served, that are inscribed on the ever increasing number of memorial stones in the park.

There are currently 30 memorial stones, and Cote is working on stone number 31, with just 36 more names to be added to complete the stone. Each stone has 216 names inscribed. The park also has a monument for Gold Star Mothers. On Memorial Day, a new Carl Douglass Bench and the completed 31st stone will be unveiled.

Cote, the group's treasurer, says that, even with fundraising events and the many volunteers in Montana and Maine donating their time to "Bring the A7 Home," funds are still desperately needed for the plane's final transport to Lewiston. A



An A-7 Corsair (Photo from airplanesofthepast.com)



The A-7 in the air (Photo by the U.S. Navy)



Cote and DeWitt at the Vietnam Memorial Wall Monument in Veterans Memorial Park



An early photo of the Gold Star Mothers Monument in Veterans Memorial Park (Photo by Norm Cote)

goal of \$50,000 has been set, with \$15,000 raised so far. More fundraisers are planned.

Please keep an eye on the newspapers and other sources to learn of these events. A GoFundMe page

has been set up and donations may be made at www.gofundme.com/A-7tolewis-ton.

For more information about the project, call Jerry DeWitt at 783-4663, ext. 1228 or Norm Cote at 782-1725.

See five show in three days at Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest



The Fest culminates on Saturday, March 30 with a performance by two-time Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year Joe Trammel.

Maine Event Comedy's upcoming Bricks & Bridges Comedy Fest will feature five shows in three days, from March 28 through 30, at venues across Lewiston-Auburn. The event will culminate with a performance by two-time Las Vegas Entertainer of the Year Joe Trammel.

Half of proceeds raised will benefit Mr. Drew's Exotic Rescue and Education Center. Located at 550 Lisbon Street in Lewiston, the center provides rehabilitation and outreach for injured, neglected, and unwanted exotic animals.

"Lewiston-Auburn's comedy scene has experienced significant growth over the past few years," said Maine Event Come-

dy founder Mark Turcotte. "We now have weekly and monthly shows, along with workshops and open-mics. It's exciting, and I wanted to create an event to showcase some of the talent and venues that keep the Twin Cities laughing.

"The Fest has also attracted interest from out-of-state comics, and I'm thrilled to show them what we have to offer," he added.

The kickoff show will take place on Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at 84 Court in Auburn. This clean comedy showcase will feature Maine favorite Johnny Ater, along with Debbie Ennis, Al Ghanekar, Nick Gordon, Jay Hunter, Kara Kilian, Leonard Kimble, and David McLaughlin.



Thursday night laughs will continue across the Longley Bridge for an 8 p.m. show at Cowbell Grill & Tap, located at 49 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Los Angeles comedian-actress Mary Kennedy, who played "New Fiona" on Showtime's hit show "Shameless," will headline following opening sets from Jed Bloom, Nic Dufault, Mike Gray, Johanna Medranda, Mark Reilly, and Chris Thomas.

Friday's fun will begin at 7 p.m. at Bear Bones Beer, located 43 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Rhode Island's E.J. Edmonds, who's worked New York City's Gotham Comedy Club, will lead a lineup including Danny Bullis, Joe Flynn, Jake Jacobson, Connor McGrath, Ali Simpson, John Sucich, and Bert Walpack.

Then at 9 p.m. it will be on to Baxter Brewing at 120 Mill Street in Lewiston, where Los Angeles transplant and three-time "Maine's Best Comedian" winner Brian Brinegar will anchor a strong lineup, including Greg Boggis, Paul Cyphers, Ralph Joyal, Mark Moccia, Julie Poulin, Ben Roberts, and Jamie Roux.

On Saturday, Trammel, who has been described by Wayne Newton as "One of the most unique and incredible talents I have

ever seen," will bring his Vegas-style act to the big stage at Sapphire, located at 150 Center Street in Auburn, for a 7:30 show. Trammel's act employs music, props, costumes, and seemingly endless energy. He was booked solid for over two decades in Las Vegas and was one of 10 contestants on Newton's television series "The Entertainer."

Known as "The TV Guy," Trammel appeared on the E! Network, VH1, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Comic Relief, Larry King, Comedy Central, and A&E's Evening at the Improv. He's also opened for the Rolling Stones and Kid Rock.

For comedians looking to network and sharpen their skills, Turcotte will lead a stand-up workshop on Saturday, March 30 at noon at Fitts' Bar & Grill at 150 Center Street in Auburn. The price of \$25 per person includes all-you-can-eat pizza.

With the exception of the clean comedy showcase at 84 Court, all shows are open to those ages 21 and over. Thursday and Friday shows are "Pay What You Can." Saturday tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more information, visit maineeventcomedy.com.

Singer-songwriter returns home for Chocolate Church Arts Center performance



Lauren Crosby

Singer-songwriter Lauren Crosby will perform on Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chocolate Church Arts Center Annex at 804 Washington Street in Bath. Opening for Crosby will be folk-rock singer-songwriter Robby Simpson.

Originally from Georgetown and the daughter of a local lobsterman, Crosby returns home to perform an evening of acoustic music at the Chocolate Church Arts Center. She has received national acclaim for her songs that blend the genres of blues, folk, and jazz, infused with southwestern flavors. Also an exceptional singer, she captures audiences of all ages with her oceanic-like voice, singing with raw power combined with a delicate, seamless force. She has recently

toured internationally and now embarks on a concert tour in the states. Crosby will be accompanied by her bandmates, Justin Maxwell (Maine Dead Project) and Aaron Nadeau (Workin' Dead, Work Trucks).

Robby Simpson's music is founded in the folk-rock traditions of the 1960s and '70s. A true troubadour with a Dylan-esque style, he writes lyrics that tell stories of truth and passion. On his recent debut album, "Traveling Without Weapons," his acoustic and electric guitar playing reveal the influences of 1960s guitar gods and the blues gods who came before them.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 door, available by calling the box office at 442-8455 or online at www.chocolatechurcharts.org.